

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Sudan
Program Title:	Economic Recovery
Pillar:	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
Strategic Objective:	650-008
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$28,300,000 DA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$2,055,000 DA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$48,900,000 DA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2004
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: USAID's economic recovery program seeks to establish the foundation for market-based economic recovery in post-conflict areas of Sudan by promoting the delivery of market support services to entrepreneurs (credit, business skills, improved agricultural practices, export promotion, market information, and road rehabilitation). USAID will promote the establishment of market support institutions that deliver those services, including a microfinance institution, agribusiness training centers, business associations, a statistical analysis center, and local road maintenance departments. Technical assistance will be provided to the southern Sudanese regional government to formulate improved economic policies. USAID will also continue humanitarian assistance to those communities most vulnerable to disaster and conflict, including food aid, seeds and tools, and training.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Agriculture revitalization (\$8,640,000 DA; \$413,000 prior year DA). USAID's focus is on increasing agricultural production and marketing capacity in southern Sudan by expanding access to business and agricultural skills and technology, increasing access to capital for financing agricultural enterprises, and improving commodity networks to facilitate trade. Activities target agricultural entrepreneurs, especially women, by providing training in business skills and agriculture at six agribusiness training centers, by establishing an autonomous statistical analysis center, and through expanding a microfinance lending institution from one operating branch to three branches. Principal contractors and grantees: the Catholic Relief Services Consortium for the agribusiness skills component, Chemonics International for the microfinance component, the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the technical support component, and a contractor to be selected in FY 2004 for the commodity networks component.

Infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance (\$19,660,000 DA, \$1,642,000 prior year DA). This program will rehabilitate selected trunk and secondary roads to open critical links between markets for economic recovery and between isolated communities to promote sustainable peace. The program will promote the establishment of a roads council in southern Sudan to ensure geographic and ethnic equity of access to road rehabilitation services. Direct support will be provided to communities and local governments to improve their road maintenance capabilities. The program will conduct feasibility studies for establishing power utilities and telecommunications networks. Principal contractors and grantees: a principal construction management contractor to be selected.

These activities will be complemented by the provision of food aid and food security relief assistance provided to communities that have suffered from conflict, natural disaster, or drought-induced poverty.

FY 2005 Program:

Agriculture revitalization (\$10,232,000 DA). Activities will continue to expand agricultural skills, access to technology, access to capital for financing agricultural enterprises and commodity networks to facilitate trade. Principal contractors and grantees: to be determined.

Infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance (\$38,668,000 DA). Infrastructure in southern Sudan is largely non-existent due to 20 years of conflict and devastation. Extensive, high cost rebuilding or new construction is therefore necessary. Rehabilitation of targeted trunk and secondary farm-to-market roads will continue as will assistance to communities in establishing and operating maintenance systems. Electric power utilities will be established as sustainable businesses in the larger market towns of southern Sudan, and telecommunications services will be introduced to a broad base of customers. Principal contractors, grantees and participating agencies: to be identified.

These development activities will continue to be complemented by food aid and non-food humanitarian assistance activities.

Performance and Results: USAID's new programs in economic growth represent a step beyond past objectives of USG food security programs. The country context has changed in the last three years, especially in southern Sudan: the recovery of markets, four years of surplus crop production in western Equatoria, the survival of producers' and marketers' associations and institutions despite the difficult wartime environment, and the increased capacity of southern Sudanese for research and policy analysis have all given hope for rapid recovery in the event of a peace agreement.

Principal results to be expected at the end of this program will be: food aid distributions meet 50% of needs on average; a southern Sudanese microfinance institution is operational, with at least \$1,000,000 in loans outstanding (with 50% of loans to women); three Sudanese agribusiness training centers operational and carrying out business skills training for entrepreneurs, at least 50% of whom are women; at least 1,000 miles of roads rehabilitated in southern Sudan; electric power utilities operational in at least three southern Sudanese market towns; and telecommunications services offered in the three principal regions of southern Sudan.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Sudan

650-008 Economic Recovery	DA
Through September 30, 2002	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Fiscal Year 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	2,055
Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA	
Obligations	28,300
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	30,355
Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	48,900
Future Obligations	85,414
Est. Total Cost	164,669